

focus and responsibility is solving the interoperability problem.

The legislation before us now has many shortcomings, including in the interoperability provisions, as I indicated in my conference statement. It is not a complete failure; however, as Title III at least establishes a targeted grant program specifically designed to achieve interoperability. It also places the experts in the Office of Emergency Communications in charge to try to ensure that the money will be spent wisely.

However, it is not surprising that this legislation is lacking. H.R. 1 was written behind closed doors. It skipped Committee and went straight to the Floor, where no amendments were allowed. I am deeply disappointed by this process, and the legislation itself.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 1,
IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE 9/11 COMMISSION
ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2007

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the House of Representatives for its approval of S. 1, legislation providing for the codification of important new lobbying and ethics rules. I also would like to take this opportunity to urge the Senate and President to promptly approve this important legislation.

I have been a longstanding supporter of efforts to make government more transparent, and to hold public officials and those who influence the legislative process accountable for their actions. Unfortunately, in recent years the influence of money in politics and a number of ethics scandals have tarnished the integrity of the Congress and led to increased public cynicism. There is a national crisis of confidence in our political system because of the influence of money in the legislative process, and the American people share a widely held belief that special interests, lobbyists, and the very wealthiest campaign contributors wield too much influence in government.

S. 1 is the logical continuation of the efforts that have already been undertaken in this Congress to provide greater transparency and to restore a sense of accountability to the Congress, and I am pleased that Congress is moving to establish new lobbying disclosure requirements and ethics enforcement mechanisms that will provide further additional deterrents to engaging in unethical behavior. I am also pleased that it would establish a new rule in the Senate regarding earmark transparency, specifically requiring that lists of earmarks, limited tax benefits, and limited tariff benefits included in bills, joint resolutions, or conference reports be made available on the Internet to the general public for at least 48 hours before consideration.

For several months I have advocated adding a similar requirement to the House rules so I am disappointed, however, that this requirement was not extended to the House of Representatives. In fact, on February 15, 2007, I introduced H. Res. 169, a House resolution that would bring the earmark disclosure

requirements of the House in line with those of S. 1, which would ensure that lists of earmarks, limited tax benefits, and limited tariff benefits included in House bills, joint resolutions, or conference reports be made available on a publicly accessible website at least 48 hours before consideration. I believe that this is a commonsense reform to the House rules that would provide American taxpayers with easily accessible information on congressional earmarks and bring an additional level of transparency and accountability to the process. I encourage my colleagues in the House to join me in this to make the earmarking process in the House as open and transparent as possible.

HONORING JONATHAN ADAM HILD

HON. C. A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2007

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor the memory of Jonathan Adam Hild, who was born on April 27, 1979 and passed away on May 29, 2007. Jonathan attended White Oak Elementary School in Parkville, Maryland and Timonium Elementary School in Timonium, Maryland. He attended Ridgely Middle School in Lutherville, Maryland before graduating from Dulaney High School in Timonium, Maryland. Jonathan graduated with an Associate Degree from Community College of Baltimore County in Catonsville, Maryland.

Jonathan was raised Catholic and received all of the sacraments from being baptized at birth to his confirmation in later years at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Towson, Maryland. He attended Confraternity of Christian Doctrine at the Church of the Immaculate Conception for his First Communion, Penance and Confirmation classes and services.

Jonathan enjoyed building and fixing things from an early age. He was very mechanically savvy. As a boy he frequently rode his bike and enjoyed the outdoors. Jonathan liked sledding in the winter, and going to the beach in the summer. During his teen years and through his twenties he always wanted the best and loudest music system. In his bedroom he had a sound system that would be suitable for a night club and he had big speakers in the trunks of his cars. It often caused some brotherly confrontations with his brother Damon. He played softball during his elementary school years with Lutherville-Timonium Recreation Council. Jonathan also attended a summer day camp at Towson University during elementary school summer recess.

Jonathan's career included working at a printing and copy company, Cockeysville High School, Pierce's Plantation Restaurant, and as a self-employed licensed automobile wholesaler. Jonathan always loved cars and as an adult his favorite was BMW. He had several of them, but one red BMW 325i convertible was his favorite and for years he worked diligently to insure the car kept its brand new appearance inside and out. He enjoyed the BMW so much he drove it on a trip all the way down to southern Florida.

Jonathan loved spending time during the summer enjoying his jet skiing hobby. He

owned his own jet ski and would take it out often near his home with friends. Always thinking of others, Jonathan would bring the jet ski down to Ocean City on vacation to share with all of his family. Jonathan is survived by his father, John Hild, his mother, Linda Hild, and his brother, Damon Hild.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor the memory of Mr. Jonathan Adam Hild. Jonathan was an exceptional young man from Maryland who will be sorely missed by his family and friends.

HONORING CALVIN COPELAND

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2007

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Calvin Copeland, the legendary owner of Harlem's Copeland's Restaurant and Reliable Catering. I rise because while the kitchen of this Harlem staple may have served its last meal this past Sunday, it will always be open in the hearts of many a beacon of hope and great cuisine that you could call home.

Calvin Copeland, was born in Smithfield, Virginia, one of eight children and grew up in Newport News, VA with relatives when both his parents died. If you ask him, Copeland still remembers the names and addresses of all the restaurants and establishments where he worked since his first job in Virginia kitchens at the age of 13. He moved to New York in the late 1940s, where he married Rita Copeland, an Irish immigrant, who was a waitress at a New Jersey restaurant where he worked.

When Copeland arrived in New York, he thought, like many recent arrivals and immigrants that dream in our fine city today, that the streets in New York were paved with gold. He took any job he could, from dishwasher to bus boy to cook. Yet no matter where Calvin he was employed, he studied and watched the chefs and tried to pick up techniques. He worked from 3 p.m. to 12 a.m., seven days a week, for six years, and very often, never saw the sun set; and

The first Copeland's restaurant opened in 1967 in a cubbyhole on Broadway, between 148th and 149th Streets, around the corner from his present location. It was a dream that only came about after his Aunt Alma told him to take the money he had saved from working in restaurant kitchens all across Manhattan and open up his own place. By 1980, Copeland's Restaurant and Reliable Catering was established at its current location at 547 West 145th Street, its southern style foods a testament to both to Calvin's proud Virginia roots and his adopted family uptown.

I submit into the record the following two articles from the Associated Press and the New York Times that captures a piece of the important role Copeland played in the city and the neighborhood. For over five decades, Calvin Copeland been committed to his roots and his community, enduring through the riots of the 1960's, the crack epidemic of 1980's, personal financial ruin and even fire. He always found away through his cooking to keep people like me, Muhammad Ali, Richard Pryor, Stevie Wonder, David Dinkins, Harry Belafonte, Dakota Staton, Natalie Cole, Bishop Tutu,